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SUBJECT:AFRICA IN THE U.S. PRESS, DECEMBER 1, 1976

1. WASHINGTON POST:

--BLACK AND WHITE DELEGATIONS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
DIVERGED SHARPLY ON HOW SOON TO MOVE TO FULL CONTROL OF
THE GOVERNMENT BY THE BLACK MAJORITY. NKOMO AND MUGABE
INTRODUCED PROPOSALS UNDER WHICH BLACKS WOULD HAVE
EFFECTIVE CONTROL BEGINNING WITH THE INTERIM TRANSITION
GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER PIETER VAN DER BYL INSISTED
ON THE WHITES HAVING VETO POWER DURING THE TRANSITION.

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--SEVERAL HUNDRED BLACK YOUTHS SET FIRE TO HOUSES OF

BLACK POLICEMEN IN GUGULETU TOWNSHIP IN APPARENT REPRISAL FOR THE POLICEMEN GIVING EVIDENCE IN RECENT RACIAL UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

--ACCORDING TO A UPI REPORT, A SEMI-OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE ENTEBBE RAID SAYS THAT ISRAEL CONSIDERED A JOINT MISSION WITH FRENCH TROOPS.

2. NEW YORK TIMES:

--BLACK NATIONALISTS, NKOMO AND MUGABE REJECTED PROPOSALS THAT WHITES BE ALLOWED TO CONTROL THE ARMY AND THE POLICE DURING THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. THE NATIONALISTS INSISTED THAT ANY INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE BLACK LIBERATION MOVEMENT, WITH ITS MEMBERS HOLDING "ALL THE MINISTRIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PROCESSES." THE RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE IDEA THAT RHODESIAN WHITES HOLD THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND LAW AND ORDER MINISTRY IN AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN WHAT HE TERMED THE "ANGLO-AMERICAN" PROPOSALS THAT LED TO THE CALLING OF THE CONFERENCE.

--THE NAMIBIAN AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION HAS DISBANDED AND JOINED WITH THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, ACCORDING TO AN AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORT.

--REUTERS REPORTS THAT RHODESIAN FORCES HAVE ROUTED A LARGE BAND OF GUERRILLAS WITH A SERIES OF AIR AND GROUND ATTACKS. MILITARY OFFICERS SAID THAT 38 GUERRILLAS WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED RHODESIA FROM MOZAMBIQUE IN MID-NOVEMBER HAD BEEN KILLED.

3. THE BALTIMORE SUN:

--NKOMO AND MUGABE YESTERDAY DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF POWER TO A BLACK CONTROLLED INTERIM GOVERNMENT. "THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT MINISTERS MUST CONTROL ALL THE MINISTRIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PROCESS." THIS DEMAND UNCLASSIFIED

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IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SMITH REGIME.

4. THERE WAS NO AFRICAN NEWS IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. ROBINSON

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